

REMARKS

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants affirm the election made by telephone on August 17, 2004 of Group I, claims 1-264, and reserve the right to prosecute the non-elected subject matter in one or more divisional applications.

In the specification, the abstract on page 99 has been replaced by a new abstract having less than 150 words. No new matter is added.

After entry of this Amendment, claims 1-42, 44-126, 128-210 and 212-264 remain in this application. Claims 43, 127, 211 and 265-268 have been canceled, and claims 44, 45, 49, 128, 129, 133, 145-150, 157-162, 212, 213 and 217 have been amended. Applicant retains the right to pursue the subject matter of the canceled claims in one or more related patent applications.

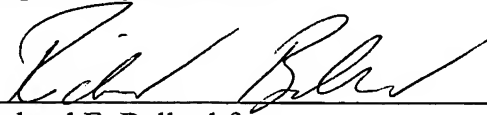
The examiner has indicated that claims 1-42, 85-126, 169-210 and 253-264 are allowed. Claims 44, 45, 49, 128, 133, 212, 213 and 217 were objected to by the examiner as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but have been rewritten in independent form and are now allowable. Claims 145-150, 157-162 and 189 have been amended to correct dependency errors, and are also allowable. Claims 46-48, 50-84, 130-132, 133-134, 151-156, 163-168, 214-216, and 218-252 ultimately depend from claims 44, 45, 49, 128, 129, 133, 212, 213, and 217, and are also now allowable.

Thus, Applicants respectfully contend that the subject application, including claims 1-42, 44-126, 128-210 and 212-264, is in good and proper order for allowance. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite issuance of a Notice of Allowance in this case, the Examiner is encouraged to call Rick Ballard at (650) 739-3945.

It is believed that no fee is due in connection with the filing of this response other than the extension of time. However, should the Commissioner determine otherwise, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Jones Day Deposit Account No. 503013, referencing Docket No. 11521-004-999, for the appropriate amount.

Respectfully submitted,

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